

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1                     1.     A method for manufacturing a single book set having at least  
2     one book, comprising manufacturing the book set so that the book set can be  
3     physically placed within a book storage space, at least one dimension of the  
4     book storage space being defined by a customer.

1                     2.     The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving input from  
2     the customer indicating the at least one dimension.

1                     3.     The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving input from  
2     the customer identifying each book in the book set.

1                     4.     The method of claim 3, further comprising receiving payment  
2     information from the customer to purchase the book set.

1                     5.     The method of claim 3, further comprising receiving payment  
2     information from the customer to purchase the book set prior to performing the  
3     manufacturing step.

1                     6.     The method of claim 5, further comprising providing the  
2     customer with a purchase cost to purchase the book set for performing the  
3     manufacturing step.

1                     7.     A book on demand system, comprising:  
2                             (a) an order placement system capable of receiving input from a  
3     user identifying a set of books and at least one dimension of a storage space  
4     that will be used to store the at least one book; and  
5                             (b) means, responsive to the input, for manufacturing the set of  
6     books so that the set of books can be placed physically within the storage  
7     space.

1           8.     The book on demand system of claim 7, wherein the order  
2 placement system is capable of providing the user with a purchase cost to  
3 purchase the set of books.

1           9.     The book on demand system of claim 8, wherein the order  
2 placement system is further capable of receiving payment information from the  
3 user to purchase the set of books and the manufacturing means only  
4 manufactures the set of books after the order placement system receives the  
5 payment information.

1           10.    The book on demand system of claim 9, wherein the order  
2 system includes an electronic database for storing, in an electronic form, each  
3 book in the set of books.

1           11.    The book on demand system of claim 10, wherein the  
2 manufacturing means includes at least one printer, coupled to the order  
3 placement system, for printing the books..

1           12.    A method for manufacturing books, comprising:  
2                   (a) receiving input from a customer identifying books the  
3 customer wishes to purchase;  
4                   (b) receiving input from the same customer defining at least one  
5 dimension of a book storage space; and  
6                   (c) producing a single copy of each book identified by the  
7 customer in step (a) in a manner so the books, as a set, can be stored within the  
8 book storage space.

1           13.    The method of claim 12, further comprising:  
2                   (d) receiving payment from the customer to purchase a single  
3 copy of each book identified in step (a).

1 ~~14.~~ The method of claim 13, wherein step (c) is performed only  
2 after step (d) is performed.

1 15. The method of claim ~~14~~, further comprising:  
2 (e) providing a purchase price to the customer to purchase a  
3 single copy of each book identified in step (a)

1 16. The method of claim 15, wherein step (c) includes the following  
2 substep:

3 (c1) determining a media size for use in printing the cover of at  
4 least one of the books as a function of the input received in step (b).

1 17. The method of claim 16, wherein the producing step includes  
2 the following substep:

3 (c2) determining a media size for use in printing the pages of at  
4 least one of the books as a function of the input received in step (b).

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein the producing step further  
2 includes the following substep:

3 (c3) printing the cover on media having a size determined in  
4 step c1.

1 19. The method of claim 18, wherein the producing step further  
2 includes the following substep:

3 (c4) printing the pages on media having a size determined in  
4 step c2.

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